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## APRIL COURT OPENS WITH INNOVATION

### NO HEAT, CONVENES IN LAWYER'S OFFICE

First Time a Session Was Ever Held Here Other Than in the County Building—Only Four Cases Disposed of.

"The law's delay," which has been the bane of mankind for ages, took on a new aspect Monday in the opening session of the April term of Common Pleas Court.

The first case on the docket was that of the B. & O. Railroad Co. vs. F. O. Phillips, an action to recover from plaintiff the sum of \$271 with interest from the fall of 1917, as demurrage on a car of coal.

About the middle of the forenoon the court, jury and counsel appeared to be suffering from an attack of ague. This was soon found not to be the case, however, investigation disclosing that the furnace of the building had broken down and there was no heat, and not likely to be any for a day or two, or until new flues could be installed.

The first impulse of all concerned of course, consistent with the past history of the world with respect to the law, was to adjourn the court. A second thought upon the part of Attorney F. W. Woods changed all this, and his suggestion that the case be transferred to his office in the Phoenix block was accepted, to which the court and attaches all repaired, and the case was resumed.

It is believed that this is the first time in the history of Medina county that court has been in session other than in the county building, and rarely if ever, except perhaps in case of fire, in the state.

The case under trial came to an end Tuesday morning, when, after both sides had rested, Judge John T. Garver of Sandusky county, who is replacing N. H. McClure here this week, instructed the jury to bring in a verdict for the defendant.

The demurrage claimed by the plaintiff was alleged to have accrued at Cuyahoga Lake, in connection with a railroad of coal consigned to defendant. The defense claimed the car was not delivered onto the proper siding, for unloading during the alleged demurrage period, and that proper written notice had not been given defendant by the plaintiff. The court's decision rested upon the latter claim, in the main.

At the close of this case Judge Garver resumed court in the county building long enough to dispose of the following cases: Fred Yost, under indictment for burglary and larceny; Bert Mosier vs. The State Industrial Commission; The J. S. Davis Coal Co. vs. F. H. Gibbs, et al., action for money only.

Yost, charged with breaking into Taylor Inn at Lodi and stealing 200 quarts of whiskey, changed his former plea of not guilty to guilty, and the court sentenced him to an indeterminate imprisonment in the reformatory at Mansfield for from one to five years. Upon the recommendation of Prosecuting Attorney Seymour and because of the fact that Yost has a wife and children in destitute circumstances, the court suspended the sentence and admitted Yost to freedom on probation. He will be released from jail as soon as the committal papers have been filed with the warden of the reformatory and returned to the Medina court.

The case of Bert Mosier vs. The Industrial Commission was dismissed for want of prosecution.

The Davis vs. Gibbs case was settled, costs paid and no record made.

### PLAN HEALTH PAGEANT FOR MEDINA COUNTY

Plans for the production of the health pageant "Forward for America" under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sullivan are completed. On April 8th the pageant was presented by the school children at Memorial Hall, Columbus, and from that date forward the pageant will be given in the cities throughout the state. During the summer months the pageant will be given in connection with a number of county fairs. An effort is on foot to secure this pageant for Medina county. The pageant is part of the health educational work being carried on by the Ohio Public Health association.

### DEATH OF ANNIE E. SHEPARD

Annie E. Shepard, sister of Pauline W. and Geo. C. Shepard of Cleveland, and Dwight C. Shepard and Mrs. C. L. Griesinger of Medina, died on Saturday, April 16, at her home in Cleveland. Funeral services were held on Monday at Pilgrim Congregational church, conducted by Rev. Dan Bradley and burial made in Spring Grove cemetery, Medina. The deceased formerly lived in Medina, where she was well known, and a more extended notice of this estimable woman will appear in the next issue of the Sentinel.

### NEW SCHOOL FOR HINCKLEY

An old time celebration was held in Hinckley center Monday evening, following announcement of results of the election to decide whether the township should be bonded for \$45,000 to erect a new school building. The election resulted in a vote of 178 to 36 in favor of the bond issue. The board will meet May 2 to proceed with sale of bonds and other necessary arrangements.

### ROYAL WELCOME GIVEN TO AKRON VISITORS

Medina Business Men Know How To Do It

A heavy downpour of rain did not interfere with Kiwanis and Winyah clubs members turning out in goodly number last Thursday afternoon to greet more than three score of Akron's prominent business men, representing the rubber city's Chamber of Commerce.

The visitors had spent the day calling on business men at other points on the Northern Ohio as far west as Plymouth, and Medina was the last stop on the itinerary. The men were met at the station by automobiles and driven about the village, then taken to parlors of the Winyah club where they were served with light refreshments and cigars.

President H. H. Root of the Kiwanis club made a brief address of welcome, assuring the visitors that the latch-string of Medina is always open to wide-awake men like themselves. The Akron men expressed surprise as well as pleasure over their reception in Medina, specially in consideration of the inclement weather and inopportune time of their arrival, and gave ample assurance of their appreciation.

Upon their arrival at the station each member of the party was presented with a carnation by Hammer-schmidt & Clark, local florists. Traveling with the Akron men was a moving picture operator, who snapped the entire party at the station.

### BURKE LETS LOOSE HERE ON RIPPER BILL

Scores Advances by Conferees to Win Him Over.

Senator J. Frank Burke of Elyria addressed members of the Winyah club last Friday night in response to the club's invitation to come here and tell them of the workings of the Ohio Senate.

His formidable and relentless fight in the Senate against the notorious ripper bill of Gov. Davis recently has brought the name of Senator Burke very prominently before the people of the state and his talk to the Winyah club last Friday night verily dealt with the "workings" of the Senate, but specifically dealt with the "work" of that body in putting across the Governor's will.

Senator Burke stated that he had made a careful search of all rulings concerning emergency legislation and had been unable to discover one that could be offered in defense of the bill.

Pressure of all kinds had been brought to bear against the Senator, he stated, to desist from his attack upon the measure, a sample of which was that a friendly attitude toward, or passive acquiescence in the passage of the bill would be the means of diverting a considerable number of political appointments to his home county, Lorain. Advances of this character, said the Senator, came principally from his Republican conferees in the Senate, one of whom, said the Senator, made the audacious statement that, so far as the referendum is concerned, the people don't know enough to decide as to what is best for them in the matter of legislation, and there was no reason why the ripper bill should be referred to them.

From Senator Burke's statements it was clearly to be inferred that he believes the passage of the ripper bill has sounded the political death knell of Gov. Davis, and that the Supreme Court will be the one to trumpet truth when it comes to pass upon the constitutionality of the measure.

The Senator intimated that his own chances for returning to the Senate two years hence had been threatened by his attitude toward the ripper bill, but he mirthfully told the Winyah members that a defeat certainly would not incur any financial loss, although when the time comes he said that he may have a lingering desire to return.

There was a large attendance of Winyah club members to greet Senator Burke and a light luncheon was served following the Senator's address.

### SPELLING CONTEST SET FOR SATURDAY, MAY 7

Many Contestants to Participate in Annual Event

The date for the annual county spelling contest has been announced by County Superintendent C. B. Uleray as Saturday, May 7. These annual spelling contests are for the purpose of fostering interest in spelling, and of improving the quality of work done in that subject. Many always participate in the annual event, and this year's contest is expected to eclipse all previous ones.

Contestants are classed into four groups: Grades 3 and 4 or either of them; grades 5 and 6 or either of them; grades 7 or 8 or either of them; and the four high school grades or any of them.

Each school district is entitled to two representatives in each class, selected in any manner the local superintendent and teachers may devise.

The words used in the contest are to be taken from lists secured by the County Superintendent from outside sources, the list for each class to be of appropriate difficulty in the judgment of the persons making the lists.

Each contest is to consist of two parts, a written test of 50 or 100 words and an oral "spell-down". Individual standing will be determined by averaging the record in the two contests.

## SEASON'S BIGGEST MUSICAL EVENT

### COMBINED CHOIRS AND AUGMENTED ORCHESTRA

Third Number of Community Orchestra's Winter Concerts, at Methodist Church Next Tuesday Night, April 26.

The biggest musical event of the season and one of the most pretentious ever undertaken in Medina, will take place next Tuesday evening, April 26, at 8 o'clock, at the Methodist church, it being the third number of a series of winter concerts given by the Medina Community orchestra in the interest of the Community Building fund.

This concert was to have been given last month, but was postponed because of the illness of the director, John Beck.

A chorus of one hundred and twenty-five voices, representing the choirs of all the local churches, will sing, accompanied by the orchestra, augmented for this occasion to twenty pieces, and two pianos and organ. Mrs. L. H. Randall and Mr. Frank Hebert will preside at the pianos and Mrs. Clark Reinhardt at the organ. John Beck will direct the entire concert. The choir will appear in vestments.

The program has been carefully rehearsed and the public is assured of a most enjoyable evening's entertainment. The program follows:

Processional—  
—"Onward Christian Soldiers"

Chorus—"We March to Victory"

Overture—"Royal" Acker

Quartet—Messrs. Barnes, Bohley, Deyell, Warren

Duet—"The Lord is My Light" Matthews

Mrs. R. M. Long, Mr. Bryant

Chorus—(a) "Crossing the Bar" (b) "Now the Day is Over"

Piano Solo—Leo Bartunek Seller

"Fancies"—Orchestra Lee

Duet—"Forgive"—Stainer

Messrs. Barnes and Bohley

Chorus—"Hosanna"—Granley

Solo—"Ave Maria"—Gounod

Mrs. Birelow, Soprano

"Starlight"—Orchestra DeZure

Chorus—"Praises to the Father"—Gounod

Hymn—"Miles Lane"—Gounod

Grand March—"From Aida"—Verdi

Orchestra

Reserved seats can be obtained for this concert at either Brainard's jewelry store or the Parke drug store.

### RAILROAD CULPABLE FOR LODI MAN'S DEATH

Coroner's Report Declares Whistle Not Blown

In his return to the court of the report of the inquest he conducted in the accidental death of Sidney A. Auble, which occurred near Spencer on the afternoon of April 12, Coroner E. L. Crum of Lodi lodges the blame for the accident on the crew of the train which ran into Mr. Auble.

The deceased while driving his horse to Spencer in the funeral cortege of the late Mrs. Manford Burkey of Rivers Corners, was run into by the eastbound passenger train of the A. C. & Y. and instantly killed.

Following is the text of Coroner Crum's report:

"After having heard the evidence, examined the body, and considered the facts and circumstances, I do find that the said deceased came to his death by criminal negligence on the part of the crew of a certain passenger train on the A. C. & Y. R. R., which left Spencer, Medina County, O., about 3:20 p. m., on Monday, April 11, 1921, and which was running at a high rate of speed, about 10 to 20 minutes behind schedule time, and which ran down the funeral car which Mr. Auble was driving, without whistling at the whistle post.

"It is a fact that embankments on both sides of the track at the curve in the railroad just west of the road crossing obstructed the view to within about 400 feet of the crossing. Therefore, this train coasting quickly down grade at a high rate of speed and without giving the proper warning, came down upon him as an assassin in the night. Signed E. L. CRUM, Coroner."

Witnesses in the inquest by Coroner Crum were Chas. E. Rice, Jesse Parent, Edward Ensign, Clayton Berkeley, F. C. Ginn, Thos. Lamp, A. Hendrick and Chas. Touby, all of whom testified that the engine whistle was not blown until just before the train reached the crossing, some distance beyond the whistle-post where it should have been sounded.

### WOMEN ORGANIZING

That they may better solve their own problems, as well as problems that are of community and county wide interest, the ladies in many Medina townships are organizing themselves. On May 20, Miss Marie Sayles, in charge of Home Economics Dept., Ohio State University, will be in Medina county to assist in this organization work, further announcement of which will be published later.

## FLOUNDERING IN SEA OF TROUBLES

### RECEIVER OF SPENCER COMPANY IS WOE-BESET

President George G. Bouthinton, Discredited, Turns Up Missing—Bankruptcy to be Adjudicated and Plant Sold.

"Since I entered upon my duties as receiver of the Spencer Metal Products Co., I have likened my situation to a man who has suddenly been cast into a sea without a life preserver and unable to swim."

This is what John B. Childre told a Sentinel representative on Wednesday when asked concerning the present condition of the Spencer Company. Mr. Childre received his appointment as receiver of the Spencer Metal Products Co. last week by Judge Westenhaver in Cleveland.

By this remark Mr. Childre let it be known that he did not thereby wish it to be understood that the company is both down and out, but simply down temporarily, on its back, but not riveted.

Rumors current the past week that the company's books, inventory, etc., had been carried away, were denied by Mr. Childre, who he did state that former Superintendent Geo. B. Bouthinton had disappeared and his whereabouts could not be learned.

The disappearance of Bouthinton at a time when his presence would have been of incalculable assistance to Receiver Childre in straightening out the affairs of the company, has thoroughly discredited that gentleman with the people of Spencer, whose full confidence he had enjoyed during the years he had been in Spencer and where he had been regarded as one of the village's chief spirits and bulwark.

The regard with which he is now held in Spencer was illustrated a week or two ago when F. C. West of Chicago, a director of the Spencer company, was arrested for alleged issuing of a fraudulent check, and spent a night in the county jail. It is stated in Spencer that West's incarceration was because of his own and his friend Bouthinton's inability to secure signers for his bond in Spencer, whereas, had the trouble occurred in other days Bouthinton's standing in the community would have enabled him to obtain signatures to a bond of most any size.

As it was, two Medina men gained West's release the next day. "Understanding the present deplorable condition of affairs, Receiver Childre expresses himself as optimistic for the future of the company if it can survive the ordeal in which it is passing, and for which there is a well-defined effort afoot for resuscitation.

Mr. Childre states that there are a large number of orders at the factory waiting to be filled, and he is in hopes that affairs may so shape themselves within the next few days as to warrant the resumption of operations. The following is a copy of a letter sent to creditors of the Spencer Metal Products Co. this week by the committee appointed a few weeks ago to formulate plans for the protection of creditors:

To the Creditors of the Spencer Metal Products Co.  
Gentlemen: While your committee was working on a plan for refinancing the Spencer Metal Products Company, with substantial aid from the present stockholders, Mr. Bouthinton, President of the Company, proceeded to act contrary to the wishes of your committee. Without our knowledge he induced certain creditors to file a petition in bankruptcy in the Federal Court and, as we are informed, at the same time, without any authority by his board, assigned the steering wheel board patent rights belonging to the Company to certain outside parties with whom he was associated.

It was apparent that immediate action was necessary. Your committee therefore applied for a receiver in the bankruptcy proceedings and on Monday the 11th inst., John B. Childre, an experienced man was selected by your committee, was appointed receiver by the Federal Court at Cleveland and is now in possession of the property.

There will doubtless be an adjudication in bankruptcy within a short time and the property will be put thru a judicial sale. We are working on a plan to have the property bought in by a syndicate to be formed among the creditors. We are also working with the leading stockholders with a view to having them finance a re-organization. All of these matters are now in indefinite form but as soon as something definite has been worked out, we will advise you further.

William P. Witherow  
Robert J. Arthur  
H. C. Haight,  
Creditors' Committee.

Since this letter was sent out, a date for adjudication of bankruptcy was set for Thursday afternoon of this week before Judge Westenhaver, at which time it was expected that an order would be issued by the court for a sale of the property.

Disappointment over the unfortunate turn of affairs with the Metal Products Co., together with loss of faith in its president, is keenly felt by the citizens of Spencer. Former prosperity of the company was almost wholly responsible for the rapid growth of the community and the incorporation of the village two years ago, and which pointed to the town ultimately developing into a large and thriving place. Without the concern, Spencer seemingly must retrograde as a commercial center, as the community is primarily an agricultural one.

### MANY ARE APPLYING FOR FARM LOAN MONEY

Applications At Medina Branch Will Reach \$20,000

The Medina County Farm Loan association, which is the Medina branch of the Federal Land Bank of Louisville, is deluged with inquiries as to farm loans, says W. P. Ainsworth, secretary of the local association.

Official documents and application blanks from the Federal office had not been received by Mr. Ainsworth the fore part of the week, although he had previously received notice that they had been mailed from Louisville. There is but little doubt that they will reach here some time this week.

Arrangements for loans are nevertheless being made, says Mr. Ainsworth, who also states that applications totalling more than \$125,000 have already been filed, and that he anticipates that this figure will eventually reach \$200,000, which latter amount he has indicated to the Federal Bank will be the minimum that will be required for Medina county.

Applications for loans amounting to \$50,000 had been filed with Mr. Ainsworth at the time the Federal Loan bill was held up a year or more ago pending a decision by the U. S. Supreme Court as to its constitutionality. The court gave a favorable decision about six weeks ago.

With bank loan rates at 7 per cent. the farmers are planning to take advantage of the government money at 6 per cent., which is an increase of 1-2 per cent. over the old Federal loan rate.

Money borrowed by farmers from banks will be used to pay off mortgages coming due and to make permanent improvements on farms, it is stated. Under the present plans of operation the farmer is compelled to use the loan for payment of present mortgages or for permanent improvements. Under the previous plan little attention was paid by the bank to the use made of the money. Future loans will be closely scrutinized by the association.

### WARNING TO FARMERS AGAINST HOG REMEDY

Doctor and Dope Under Scrutiny of Officials

Warning has been sent to the farmers of Medina county to look out for Dr. D. W. Nolan and his so called hog remedy.

A very systematic investigation has been made of this man and his "Remedy." Noxine has been analyzed by a chemist of the Ohio Dairy and Food Department, and it is alleged to be of very little medicinal value. The Farm Bureau has on file a score or more of letters from farmers who have used Noxine, who state they have lost their hogs by the use of this treatment.

Noxine, it is reported, in the diseases prescribed, would act only as a feeble disinfectant of the digestive tract, and that the small amount of alcohol which such a dose of Noxine contains would have little or no therapeutic value. To use it indiscriminately, therefore, as a treatment for all swine diseases is not only a waste of time and money, but its use may postpone or prevent proper treatment. It costs \$4.00 per bottle, and it must bring to the manufacturer a very handsome profit.

In brief, Noxine has no curative value, and if good results have been obtained from it, they must have come from following but the sanitary and hygienic recommendations which the manufacturer insists must accompany its use. A complete report of this investigation will be made in the very near future.

It has been learned that there are several agents operating in Ohio who are selling a material to be used to inoculate fruit trees for scale, worms and most all other troubles to which fruit trees are heir. This sort of a scheme has been tried off and on for several hundred years.

There is not an Experiment Station College of Agriculture or experienced fruit grower who is willing to place a particle of value in this method of pest control. It has been tried out by Experiment Stations innumerable times with absolutely no beneficial results. Farm Bureau members of Ohio have been warned to be on the lookout for such agents.

### SERIOUS ACCIDENT ON CLEVELAND ROAD

While returning from Cleveland Tuesday evening, when at a point about four or five miles south of Brooklyn, Mr. W. A. Michaels and son William of Lakewood and daughter-in-law Mrs. James Michaels of State road, met with an accident that injured them severely and from which they almost miraculously escaped death.

They were driving their auto a short distance behind another car, both vehicles running at fairly high speed. The forward car suddenly turned into a driveway, the driver giving no signal of his action. To avoid a collision the Michaels swerved to one side, and in doing so struck a rock, upsetting the car and throwing the occupants into the roadway. Two side wheels of the car were torn off and the vehicle otherwise injured. Mrs. James Michaels sustained injuries that required her removal to a Cleveland hospital. The father likewise was seriously injured, but was removed to his home. The son sustained only slight bruises. The family reported Wednesday evening that Mrs. Michaels' injuries were not regarded as a fatal character, although she would be laid up for some time.

## DEATH COMES TO MRS. S. N. WALKER

### FOLLOWING ILLNESS OF OVER THREE MONTHS

Had Spent Greater Part of Life in Medina County and Many Years in Medina—Was Industrious Worker in the Church.

Mrs. Emma Walker, wife of S. N. Walker, died on Wednesday morning of this week, after an illness of three months.

The deceased was the only daughter of Walter and Dancy L. Simmons, and was born in Wineago, Ill., Dec. 25, 1854, the first white child born in that township.

In early girlhood with her parents she moved to Bath, O., where she resided for a few years, later removing to Granger township, this county. About seven or eight years ago she came to Medina, where she has since made her home.

She was twice married. Her first husband was Frank Ferguson, to whom she was married Dec. 25, 1871, and to whom one child was born, Carrie, who died July 30, 1891. The husband died Oct. 24, 1913, at Mallet Creek.

On July 3, 1920, she became the wife of Samuel N. Walker of Medina. Besides the husband there survives an adopted son, Harry O., of Lincoln, Neb.; one brother, G. O. Simmons of Medina, and many other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Walker was a deeply religious woman and had been identified with the Methodist church since youth.

Funeral services will be held at the Methodist church Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. W. H. Bryenton, assisted by Rev. Charles Searles of Hinckley, a lifelong friend of the deceased. Interment will be made in Spring Grove cemetery.

### WELLS AT SHARON CENTER CONDEMNED BY STATE

Public Supply O. K., But Inadequate Says Report

Concerning the water supply at Sharon Center, an analysis of which was recently made by the State Health Department at the instance of County Health Commissioner Dr. H. H. Biggs, a report just received by Dr. Biggs reads as follows:

"At your request a representative of this department visited Sharon Center to examine well supplies in that community. Two wells were examined known respectively as the Brown and Brandebury wells, located in the western part of the village. The examination of these wells indicated that they are unsafe sources of water supply and these conclusions are confirmed by the results of analysis of samples collected from the Brown well which gave evidence of contamination.

"At the same time examination was made of the public water supply of Sharon Center and the results of examination of samples of this supply gave satisfactory findings. It is obvious therefore that the Brown and Brandebury wells should be abandoned and the public water supply of Sharon Center should be substituted. (Signed: W. H. Dittoe, Chief Engineer.)

Mr. Dittoe also addressed the following letter to The Sharon Spring Water Co.:

Dear Sirs: A representative of this department visited Sharon Center on March 14 and examined the public water supply of that village. Samples of the supply collected at this time indicate the water to be of satisfactory sanitary quality. The examination of the development of the supply indicates that it is safe.

The only comment which we desire to make is in regard to the adequacy of the development for the needs of the community. We advise that improvements be made which will permit a more complete utilization of the yield in order that all residents of the community may be served by this supply.

### "ALL ABOARD" REHEARSALS BEGIN MONDAY NIGHT

The talent committee are making great headway in selecting a cast for "All Aboard," the show the St. Paul's Guild are going to present at the Princess theater. They are all ready for the John B. Rogers professional producer who will arrive here to take full charge of the rehearsals, which start Monday night, April 25. Some of the members of the cast who will be remembered in the "Miss Bob White" production are Miss Lucille Offinier, Miss Dorothy Leach and Messrs. Best Bohley and Thatcher. The will also be some entirely new talent used in the coming production.

### BOOZE THEFT CHARGED

One of the secret indictments returned by the grand jury last week was against Perry Mosier of Lodi. Mosier was indicted for burglary and larceny in connection with the same violation with which Fred Yost was indicted, namely: entering Taylor Inn at Lodi several months ago and removing several quarts of whiskey.

On Thursday of last week, Sheriff Bigelow learned that Mosier, who previously could not be located, was in Lodi, and Deputy Hange was detailed to go there and place him under arrest. He did so, and the following morning Mosier secured his release when his parents appeared and signed a bail bond fixed at \$500.